

Weymouth January 14. 1851

My Dear Miss Estlin

You have been so good to me in the way of writing that I am very and ashamed to send you such a poor little letter as this will be. The ~~unwinking~~ part of it is that there is sufficient material for a good one, but it is a melancholy fact that I have so stupefied myself in finishing up the Fair work, writing business letters, making out the Bazaar report, & then copying it in a hurry so that it may appear simultaneously in the Liberator & Standard, counting one money & so forth that I am a most unlenient witness to the present time. You may think the last item of my employment a labour of love when I am able to come up \$3.50 or thereabouts as the Bazaar result, & so it is, but it has worn the life tired & fagged me. Not living in Boston, we do our work there at a great disadvantage. I make arrangements to be there a few days perhaps, then new work comes up, or new delays arise & I have to hurry my affairs & crowd into those few days what really might fill a week, old circumstances all.

But pray do not think I am complaining.
I am full of joy and exultation. The
Bazaar is over & well over, more money
made than we could have hoped, all
of us in good health, nothing but good
ampl. I only wish you to know why
in return for your bright lively
interesting letter I shall send so poor a
one back.

I will settle Bazaar accounts
first. You carried out was thought
beautiful, exquisite, charming. The pictures
were sold for \$10 each. Mr George Wells
a gentleman engaged to dinner during
a dear friend of Emma's, has one, and a
Mr Fletcher the other. Mrs George Russell
one of our managers & a most excellent
person bought the remaining book stand for \$10.
The trays were sold for higher price than
those marked. The Florence pots tho' thought very
handsome were not sold. We shall have
them for another year. Mrs Michels & family
must be very ingenious & skillful in the
use of your hands. I could no more accomplish
with a piece of work than I could fly.
All these articles arrived perfectly safe & we
wondered at the safety & care with which
every thing was arranged.

Will you give my love to Mrs Michels
to whom I wish I had time to write to
thank her for her very kind note, &
say to her that while nothing could
have done better than the carved work
the flat folios did not take. Perhaps
they may next year, so that she must

not regret the time she employed. Among
our wealthiest customers the association that
would make the purchase valuable to an
Abolitionist would be absolutely nothing.
They hardly know there was such a man as
Burton. Then again, the Abolitionists when
buying family articles, are doing so in
many cases, for the purpose of giving
them to poor slaves ^{queers} and are more
apt to buy something which they think
may be acceptable for being curious or ex-
pensive, and Anti Slavery association being
wholly ignored. But next year, if they are
particularly shown to Abolitionists, I dare say
they will sell as among them his Fowles
Burton's great excellence is only appreciated.
You will get a general idea of the
Bazaar from the Gazette which will be
sent with Bells & Annual Reports
after the Annual Meeting. I hope it will
be the best I shall write, for I am
not very fit for such work. I hope all
the money accounts will prove to be
accurate. I have inserted an account of
all the money which you received in
Brazil but I have said nothing as to the
way in which it was expended, not
thinking that best. The less the unbelieving
world know of details the better; their imag-
inations have ample room then to expand
& they can believe that any one of the
foreign boxes is as unlimited in its
generosity as any of the boxes that the

genie of the Arabian Nights were won
to pull out of their pockets (The best
few words are surely out of keeping
but as I have told you I am hurried
more so at this present which is late
in the evening than when I began
this morning.) - I am very sorry indeed
to hear of Mr Estlin's illness. Pray give
a great deal of love to him (for I am
beginning to feel as if I knew him
very well indeed) & say that I earnestly
hope he may be quite well when
next you write. You need not
apologize for any lectures that you
may see fit to give me in respect
to the uses of sleep. I dare say I need the
Mr Estlin & yourself would pity and
blame me were you fully aware
how much I need it for myself or any
body else. I can only say in excuse
that I think I have a rather unfortu-
nate nervous organization & I know I
have a vivid imagination & by combining
these I can get up supposable scenes
that may very far outgo the reality
(tho' in truth I cannot convince myself
that they do) But apart from severe
& dangerous illness, is it not very
unhappy to lie on your sofa & have
such multitudes of thoughts that you
could do this & say that & write the
other were you only well enough, &c.

Believe me very truly & affectionately
yours Anne Weston

feel that the mere idea has weakened
you & there you must not think about
it any longer, or when you feel that you
could do some certain work better than
another if you were only on the spot, to
feel that your strength can't out get
you then, is not all this a great
trial? This was what I suffered from
summer before last exceedingly, & it
was dearer to me to feel as if I
should never know again what it was
not to think about my health at all
but should be always watching my
own sensations, always thinking how
much I could bear. But as I have
intimated, I think this might have been
peculiar to my state at that time.
I was really suffering from great ner-
vous debility & had made important
exertions. But most probably you
father & yourself may have known
more of real sleep in one year than
has ever fallen to my lot for I have
was confined to my room for more than
a few days in my life. But if sleep
makes you better you are very good
people. The more prosperity of any sort
& happiness there I have the better I
behave. When I am perfectly well I
am in a much more elevated & noble
frame than when ill. Then I am calling
out "Give me some drink" like a very
silly girl & keeping every thing in an
upwar.

But I will not be so deeply excited
twice any longer; I will only be "in
this connection" (as our puttin' speakers say)
that my health is very much im-
proved & that I am better now than
at any time since Emma went away.
I have no belief in Homeopathy but
it seems in one respect to have
worked well with me. I went to Mr
Thompson's Reception Meeting quite alarmed
for fear of a riot; when it actually
took place I grew "bold & of good cheer"
& have continued so ever since. When
he spoke at the Bazaar, tho' Mr Garrison
& some other friends were under some
anxiety, I felt very courageous & when
I heard that a certain Mr Hamilton
was ^{intending making a visit at the Bazaar} who is I am going to say a nephew
of "the Rev S. J. May" & who was a great
promoter of the riot on the 15th of Nov) I
almost felt like ship Mow-han in Coppe-
field as if I could have wrestled his
single handed. — I cannot tell you
how eloquently & beautifully Mr Thompson
spoke on the Bazaar on "Two Americas"
but you will be able to get an im-
perfect idea of his great speech from
the Liberator. He is labouring most
unweariedly at present, battling every
night ~~on~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~idea~~ ^{idea} of Slavery or before dyings.
His presence does away with popular
prejudice at once. He has promised to
pass the Sunday succeeding the Annual
Meeting with us, & then I hope to have

time for a great deal of talk with him
about England & English friends. I am
very much amused with Mrs. Massie's
letters & as she is the wife of a clergy-
man as a good deal surprised. I suppose
that the English evangelizing dissen-
tals are fully as narrow as our brethren & etc.
& if so she must have much to contend
with. I think she must annoy John Scott.
I was very much pleased with the note
of Mrs. Dighton's that you were so good
as to send. There seemed much a spirit
of genuine kindness & simplicity to
run through it that it was very
agreeable. Thank you very much for
all the notes. It is very pleasant
to be behind the scenes a little.
We shall send directly Bel's as usual
& I hope to the eight people, but perhaps
one some times more than ^{very} eight people.
All your information on this point is
very acceptable. We are expecting
my brother daily. Thank you for your kind
mention of him. I wish he could have
had the pleasure of visiting Bristol. He
will bring us full accounts of the Parisians.
We have letters (rather hurried ones) from
Emma only by the last steamer. He
had been at the Hotel de Ville ball
& to some other gaieties & was somewhat
hurried. They had been doing the honors
of Paris to my brother who had never
made so long a stay there before.

I shall try, my dear friend, to write
you at length by the box, & not in
this hurried miserable sort of way.
Believe me that you cannot write to
me too freely or too fully. I am truly
grateful for all that you have written
& trust that your kindness will continue.
I shall hope to hear from Mr Estlin
also, as it quite tantalizes me to
hear of his good letters to the Mass.
I am sorry to hear to night that
Mr Charles Sumner is not elected a
United States Senator. I do not know
the particulars, but dare say it will
be over ruled for good by changing the
best portion of the Democratic party
into Free Soilers. Our local politics
are just now in a very amusing
state, but it is difficult for any one
not in the midst of it to understand
them.

My mother & sister send their
kindest regards to you. We all feel
as if we had gained another friend
with you as good as to give the
enclosed to Mrs Thomas. You may less
by reading it, if you wish take the
trouble some few trifling particulars
about the Bazaar. Should you rather
or yourself be writing to R. D. Webb
will you remember me very affection-
ately to him & say that I shall write to
soon. Nothing but want of time prevents